**Introduction of trains like Shatabadi Express**

99. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI SHANKER SINH. VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whethe,- more trains like the Shatabadi Express are being envisaged;

(b) if so, on which routes and by when;

(c) whether any survey in this regard has been conducted; if so, what are the findings and recommendations in respect thereof; and

(d) what is the estimated expenditure involved therein?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (d) The present run of the Shatabadi Express having a maximum speed limit of 140 Km/h, is experimental in nature. Based on the experience gained therefrom survey for introduction of similar trains on some other routes may be considered in due course.

**Indian Defence Personnel in Pakistani jails**

100. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K ADVANI;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian defence personnel in Pakistani jails and since when they have been there.

(b) whether any fresh efforts have been made for their return to India, after the death of the late President of Pakistan;

(c) if so, what have been the results thereof; and

(d) if no efforts hav$_e$ been made, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) 43 missing Indian defence personnel are believed to be in Pakistan jails since 1971.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of Pakistan have been taking the position that there are no such persons in their custody.

(d) Does not arise

**Relaxation of norms for construction of tourists Resorts**

101. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have relaxed norms for construction of tourist resorts in the country;

(b) if so (he reasons therefor and the specific location earmarked for the purpose and.

(c) whether the relaxations, if any, are for public sector undertakings engaged in tbe task or for private parties also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ■AND TOURISM .(SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Central Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism have not relaxed norms for construction of tourist resorts in the Country.

(b) and (c) Dose not arise.

**Prime Minister's visit fo China**

102. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred question 1131 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, 1988 and to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister would be visiting China in the third week of December this year; if so, what is the exact date and length of the visit!

(b) whether flit border question between India and China has been set aside and whether there is any change in the attitude

of China on the dispute and its claim on India's vast torritories including state of Arunachal Pradesh on the eve of Prime Minister's visit;

(c) whether the question of border dispute came up for discussion between high level Indian delegation led by Shri K.P.S. Menon, and Chinese leaders in view of Prime Minister's willingness to visit China; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome of the visit of above delegation with reference to border dispute and whether Prime Minister would discuss the problem with the Chinese leaders regarding need for vacatinc the Indian territory occupied by 7hina?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): [a) Ye>, Sir. Details are being worked rat.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes. Sir.

(d) The delegation visited China to make preparations for the Prime Minister's visit. The border issue came up as a subject ::hat would be discussed during the visit. Obviously, the Prime Minister will present the country's stand when the issue is discussed

**Declaration of cease-fire in Sri Lanka by India**

103. SFRI V GOPALSAMY.

SHRI T. R BALU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were be reasons for the declaration of cense-fire initially for five days in Sri Lanka by the Government of India on 14th September, 1988 and for what reasons it was extended for another five days;

(b) what were the suggestions and proposals placed before the Tamil militants alongwith the cease-fire; and

(c) what are the reasons for which the operations of the IPKF were resumed?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Initially to give all Tamil groups a chance to participate in the elections to the North-Eastern Province. Extended at the request of some Tamil citizens of Sri Lanka who claimed that this would evoke a positive response from the LTTE.

(b) All militant groups who wished to participate in the elections were invited to lay down their arms, extended support to the Indo-Sri Lanka agreement and take part in the elections.

(c) LTTE's continued obduracy and its efforts to take advantage of the cease-fire to regroup and to extort 'taxes' from the people of the North and the East.

**Out-voting of India on the Venue for Commonwealth Games**

104. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRl RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Ministe,- of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased t0 state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India was outvoted by 2 /3rd majority on the venue of 1994 Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons and the countries which did not vote 'f^or India; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the countries had assured their help but later On withdrew from it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATl MARGARET ALVA): (a) There were three countries which had bid for 1994 Commonwealth Games, namely, Canada